

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Nora Mead Brownell, and Suedeene G. Kelly.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Docket Nos.	ER05-911-000
		ER05-1264-000

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF STAY

(Issued April 18, 2006)

1. This order addresses Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) filings involving agreements with the City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco) (jointly, Parties). In this order, the Commission grants the Parties' joint motion for a sixty-day extension of the stay of the proceedings in Docket Nos. ER05-911-000, and ER05-1264-000.

Background

2. On April 5, 2006, PG&E and San Francisco submitted a joint motion requesting that the stay of the referenced proceedings be extended for an additional sixty days, until June 13, 2006.¹ The Parties state that they need an extension of the stay so that they can continue their negotiations to resolve outstanding issues between them. The Parties state that they have been meeting regularly to negotiate a settlement with the assistance of a mediation team and progress has been made, but they have not yet been able to reach a settlement.

¹ The motion also includes Docket No. ER05-1190-000, ER05-516-000, and ER05-516-001. Docket No. ER05-1190-000 has been addressed separately by the Chief Administrative Law Judge in that proceeding. *Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Docket No. ER05-1190-000 (April 11, 2006). Docket Nos. ER05-516-000 and ER05-516-001 have been also addressed separately by the Chief Administrative Law Judge in that proceeding. *Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, Docket No. ER05-516-000 (April 11, 2006).

3. Previously, on October 12, 2005, the Commission granted the Parties' motion to stay the proceedings for six months.² In that order, as requested, the Commission: (1) granted the motion for a six-month stay in Docket No. ER05-1190-000 and modified the effective date of the agreements to September 1, 2007; and (2) granted the motion for a six-month stay in Docket Nos. ER05-516-000 and ER05-516-001. The Commission also noted that, since no order had been issued in Docket Nos. ER05-911-000 and ER05-1264-000, the joint motion would be treated as an extension of the 60-day statutory time period in which the Commission must act and thus the statutory period would begin six months from the date of issuance of the October 12 Order.

Commission Determination

4. In order to assist the Parties' progress toward a settlement, as requested, the Commission will grant the Parties' motion for a sixty-day extension, until June 13, 2006, of the stay in Docket Nos. ER05-911-000 and ER05-1264-000. We note that we will treat the motion as an extension of the 60-day statutory time period in which the Commission must act and thus the 60-day statutory period will begin on June 13, 2006 (*i.e.*, as if the filing had been made on June 13, 2006).

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

² *Pacific Gas and Electric Company*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,028 (2005) (October 12 Order).